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General Assembly
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09:00 — 5th plenary meeting [webcast] — General Assembly Hall (NLB)

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report (A/68/1) [item 111]
2. Opening of the general debate [item 8]
3. Address by Her Excellency Dilma Roussef, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil
4. Address by His Excellency Barack Obama, President of the United States of America
5. Address by His Excellency Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey
6. Address by His Excellency Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
7. Address by His Excellency Sebastián Piñera Echeñique, President of the Republic of Chile
8. Address by His Excellency Rossen Plevneliev, President of the Republic of Bulgaria
9. Address by His Excellency Armando Emílio Guebuza, President of the Republic of Mozambique
10. Address by His Excellency François Hollande, President of the French Republic

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11. Address by His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
12. Address by His Excellency Ivan Gašparovič, President of the Slovak Republic
13. Address by His Excellency Juan Manuel Santos Calderón, President of the Republic of Colombia
14. Address by His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar
15. Address by His Serene Highness Prince Albert II, Principality of Monaco
16. Address by His Excellency Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa
17. Address by His Excellency Viktor Yanukovych, President of Ukraine
18. Address by His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

15:00 6th plenary meeting[1] [webcast] General Assembly Hall (NLB)

1. Address by Her Excellency Laura Chinchilla Miranda, President of the Republic of Costa Rica
2. Address by His Excellency Heinz Fischer, Federal President of the Republic of Austria
3. Address by His Excellency Horacio Manuel Cartes Jara, President of the Republic of Paraguay
4. Address by His Excellency Andris Bērziņš, President of the Republic of Latvia
5. Address by Her Excellency Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia
6. Address by His Excellency Hassan Rouhani, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran
7. Address by His Excellency Ali Bongo Ondimba, President of the Gabonese Republic
8. Address by His Excellency Željko Komšić, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina
9. Address by His Excellency Michel Sleiman, President of the Lebanese Republic
10. Address by His Excellency Ueli Maurer, President of the Swiss Confederation
11. Address by His Excellency José Mujica, President of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay
12. Address by His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda
13. Address by Her Excellency Cristina Fernández, President of the Argentine Republic
14. Address by Her Excellency Joyce Hilda Mtila Banda, President of the Republic of Malawi
15. Address by His Excellency Michael Chilufya Sata, President of the Republic of Zambia
16. Continuation of the general debate [item 8]

    Address by His Excellency Fredrik Reinfeldt, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Sweden

[1]The general debate will continue at 18:00, in the 7th plenary meeting.

High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the President of the General Assembly[1] [webcast]
First (inaugural) meeting

Opening
15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Leaders Dialogue: High-level Political Forum – From Vision to Action
15:45 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Leaders Dialogue: Global partnerships for development to create jobs and improve sustainable lifestyles
17:15 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Key messages on sustainability issues
18:45 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Leaders Dialogue: Mapping the way forward for eradicating poverty and achieving sustainable development
19:10 Trusteeship Council Chamber

[1]For the programme of the (inaugural) meeting of the High-level Political Forum, please *click here*.

Information on side events related to 2013 High-level Meetings

High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Realization of the Millennium Development Goals and Other Internationally Agreed Development Goals for Persons with Disabilities (23 September 2013): *click here;*

Special event in 2013 to follow-up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (25 September 2013): *click here*; and

High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (3 to 4 October 2013): *click here.*

Announcement

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General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

General debate
(24–27 September and 30 September–1 October 2013)

The provisional list of speakers No. 3 for the general debate of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-3082). The list of speakers has also been sent by e-mail and facsimile directly to the permanent missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are kindly reminded that, in accordance with existing practice at the general debate, a voluntary *15-minute* time limit should be observed and the list of speakers has been prepared on the basis of the agreed *15-minute* statement by each delegation. In order to assist the speakers with the timely delivery of their statements, a light mechanism will be installed at the rostrum.

Delegations may wish to inform their capital on this procedure.

Member States are advised that any changes to the level of representation for the general debate of the sixty-eighth session should be communicated to the General Assembly Affairs Branch, *as soon as possible* (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, Secretariat Building, 30th Floor (room S-3082; or e-mail poliakova@un.org)).

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 24 September 2013

Community of Democracies: United Nations Democracy Caucus (organized by the Permanent Mission of El Salvador)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 3 (CB)

OIC Contact Group on the Rohingya Muslim Minority (at the ministerial level)

15:00 to 16:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 5 (NLB)

OIC Contact Group on Bosnia and Herzegovina (at the ministerial level)

16:30 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Other activities

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Tuesday, 24 September 2013

Special event on "Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict" (with the Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of United Kingdom and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict)

From 14:30 to 17:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB). [webcast]

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Sally Jobbins, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (e-mail sally.jobbins@fco.gov.uk; tel. 1 (212) 745-9240).]

Panel discussion on "Building bridges, sharing experiences and bridging gaps in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Burundi)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB). [webcast]

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nelly Gicho, Permanent Mission of Burundi (e-mail ngicho@gmail.com; tel. 1 (646) 322-5837).]

High-level event on "Human rights, environment and transnational corporations" (with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ecuador)

At 18:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB). [webcast]

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Raquel Jara, Permanent Mission of Ecuador (e-mail ecuador@un.int).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Tuesday, 24 September 2013

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, scheduled for *today*, 24 September, please visit www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 25 September 2013

General Assembly

Sixty-eighth session

09:00 — 8th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall (NLB)

1. Address by His Excellency Toomas Hendrik Ilves, President of the Republic of Estonia
2. Address by His Excellency Ricardo Martinelli Berrocal, President of the Republic of Panama
3. Address by His Excellency Alassane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
4. Address by His Excellency Ollanta Humala Tasso, President of the Republic of Peru
5. Address by His Excellency Taur Matan Ruak, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
6. Address by His Excellency Joseph Kabila Kabange, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
7. Address by His Excellency Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal
8. Address by His Excellency Andry Nirina Rajoelina, President of the Transition of the Republic of Madagascar
9. Address by His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda
10. Address by His Excellency Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso
11. Continuation of the general debate [8]

    Address by His Excellency Hailemariam Dessalegn, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

    Address by His Excellency Winston Baldwin Spencer, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Antigua and Barbuda

    Address by His Excellency Commodore Josaia V. Bainimarama, Prime Minister and Commander of the Military Forces of the Republic of Fiji

    Address by the European Union

    Address by His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait

    Address by His Excellency Enrico Letta, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy

15:00 — 9th plenary meeting[1] — General Assembly Hall (NLB)

1. Address by His Excellency Tomislav Nikolić, President of the Republic of Serbia
2. Address by His Excellency Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, President of the Togolese Republic
3. Address by His Excellency Nicolás Maduro Moros, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

[1]The general debate will continue at 18 00, in the 10th plenary meeting.

4. Address by His Excellency Anote Tong, President, Head of Government and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kiribati
5. Address by His Excellency Bronisław Komorowski, President of the Republic of Poland
6. Address by His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland
7. Address by His Excellency Mikheil Saakashvili, President of Georgia
8. Address by His Excellency Carlos Mauricio Funes Cartagena, President of the Republic of El Salvador
9. Address by His Excellency Emanuel Mori, President and Head of Government of the Federated States of Micronesia
10. Address by His Excellency Tommy Esang Remengesau, President of the Republic of Palau
11. Address by His Excellency Ikililou Dhoinine, President of the Union of the Comoros
12. Address by His Excellency Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia
13. Continuation of the general debate [item 8]

    Address by His Excellency Ali Zeidan, Prime Minister of Libya

    Address by His Excellency Mariano Rajoy Brey, President of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain

    Address by Her Excellency Kamla Persad-Bissessar, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

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Special event in 2013 to follow-up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals[1]

Opening

09:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Round table 1[2]

10:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Round table 2[2]

10:30 Conference Room 2 (CB)

Round table 3[2]

15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

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[1]The special event, organized by the President of the General Assembly, is held in accordance with Assembly resolution 65/1 of 22 September 2010. For the updated programme of the Special event, please *click here*. For further information on the round table discussions, kindly contact the respective secretaries as follows: *Round table 1*: Ms. Emer Herity (herity@un.org), *Round table 2*: Ms. Christa Giles (giles@un.org), *Round table 3*: Mr. Otto Gustafik (gustafik@un.org); and *Round table 4*: Ms. Radhika Ochalik (ochalik@un.org).

[2]The four round table discussions will focus on the overall theme of the Special Event.

Round table 4[1]

15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Closing

18:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

[1]The four round table discussions will focus on the overall theme of the Special Event.

General Assembly

Sixty-eighth session

In accordance with resolution 67/39, the High-level Meeting on Nuclear Disarmament will be held on Thursday, 26 September. In accordance with resolution 67/219, the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development will be held on Thursday, 3, and Friday, 4 October. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/300, the sixth High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development will be held on Monday, 7, and Tuesday, 8 October 2013.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly was issued on 13 February 2013 in document A/68/50*. The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly was issued on 15 June 2013 in document A/68/100. The provisional agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly was issued on 19 July 2013 in document A/68/150.

The information note for delegations on arrangements for the high-level meetings and the general debate is contained in document A/INF/68/4/Rev/1.

The draft programme of the work of the plenary for the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/922, Section II.

The book of resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its sixty-seventh session from 18 September to 24 December 2012 was issued on 11 July and 5 September 2013 and in documents A/67/49 (Vol. I) and A/67/49 (Vol. II).

Seating protocol for the sixty-eighth session

On Friday, 14 June 2013, the Secretary-General drew from among the Member States the name of Croatia to occupy the first seat in the General Assembly Hall at the sixty-eighth session. Consequently, the delegation of Croatia will sit at the first desk at the right of the President, and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament (26 September 2013)

Pursuant to its resolution 67/39, the General Assembly will hold a High-level Meeting on Nuclear Disarmament on Thursday, 26 September 2013. Information on the modalities of the meeting are included in the letter dated 9 July 2013, sent by the President of the General Assembly, and on the website of the meeting.

Please note that the list of speakers for the High-level substantive segments has been sent to delegations and is now closed. Should there be any questions please contact the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org). Statements in the high-level substantive segment should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in a national capacity, and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group. Delegates are also invited to submit their statements to the Department of Public Information for posting on the website of the High-level meeting (Mr. Vladislav Itkovski (e-mail vitkovsky@un.org); Ms. Elmira Tairova (e-mail tairova@un.org); and Ms. Natalia Kotsyuba (e-mail kotsyuba@un.org).

High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (3–4 October 2013)

The organizational arrangements are described in General Assembly resolution 67/219 of 21 December 2012. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 17 June, 17 July and 19 July 2013, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

The list of speakers is now open for the formal plenary meetings to be held on Thursday, 3, and Friday, 4 October 2013, from 9:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in the General Assembly Hall (NLB). Delegations wishing to inscribe are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082; fax 1 (212) 963-3783). Statements in the formal plenary meetings should not exceed *four minutes*.

The four consecutive round table discussions will be held from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, on Thursday, 3 October 2013, and from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 17:30, on Friday, 4 October. Members States are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org) in which round table discussion they wish to intervene. Interventions in the interactive round table discussions should not exceed *four minutes*.

Further information on the High-level Dialogue may be obtained in the note by the Secretary-General on the "Organization of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development" (A/68/162).

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (7-8 October 2013)

The organizational arrangements are described in General Assembly resolution 67/300 of 16 September 2013. Letters from the President of the General Assembly will be sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

The list of speakers will open for the formal plenary meetings to be held on Monday, 7 October, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, and on Tuesday, 8 October 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the General Assembly Hall (NLB). Delegations wishing to inscribe are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082; fax 1 (212) 963-3783). Each oral statement should not exceed *five minutes* when speaking in a national capacity, and *seven minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group.

The three round table discussions will be held from 15:00 to 18:00, on Monday, 7 October 2013 (round table 1), and from 10:00 to 13:00, on Tuesday, 8 October (round tables 2 and 3). Member States are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org) in which round table discussion they wish to intervene. Interventions in the interactive round table discussions should not exceed *three minutes* each. An informal interactive dialogue will be held on Tuesday, 8 October, from 15:00 to 17:45. Each intervention in the interactive dialogue should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in a national capacity, and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group.

The list of non-State participants in the round tables and the informal interactive dialogue will be established on a first-come, first-served basis. Representatives of these non-state entities wishing to participate in these meetings should inscribe with the Financing for Development Office (e-mail platz@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3664; room DC2-2156; fax 1 (212) 963-0443).

Further information on the High-level Dialogue may be obtained from the meeting website.

General Assembly

Sixty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 76 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 76 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly will be held from Monday, 30 September to Friday, 4 October 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 4 October 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB), to consider its provisional programme of work and timetable (to be issued as document A/C.1/68/CRP.1). A technical briefing by the Secretariat for delegates of the First Committee will be held in Conference Room 3 (CB), immediately following the adjournment of the organizational meeting.

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items, from Monday, 7, to Wednesday, 16 October 2013. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9277; room S-3058).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee, a time limit should be observed of *10 minutes* for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and *15 minutes* for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Kenji Nakano, Secretary of the First

Committee (c/o Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9277; room S-3058; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/68/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378; room S-3057).

Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and permanent observers on the First Committee QuickFirst Web site (*click here*). For inquiries regarding access to QuickFirst, kindly contact Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its first meeting on Thursday, 3 October 2013, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 3 (CB). The proposed programme of work and timetable of the Committee is contained in document A/67/432/Rev.1. The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 7 October, at 15:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB). The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items of the Fourth Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to send an e-mail to 4thcommittee@un.org. Delegations are encouraged to observe the time limits of *10 minutes* for statements by individual Member States and *15 minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of these time limits. Requests of petitioners to address the Committee under item 60 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), should be sent to the Chair of the Committee (c/o e-mail 4thcommittee@un.org; or fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *by close of business on Friday, 27 September 2013*.

Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Ms. Emer Herity, Secretary of the Committee (e-mail 4thcommittee@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/68/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and permanent observers at https://4thcommittee.unlb.org. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly send an e-mail to 4thcommittee@un.org. Representatives of Member States wishing to be included in the Fourth Committee mailing list are requested to send an e-mail from an official Permanent Mission e-mail address to 4thcommittee@un.org, indicating name, delegation and e-mail address.

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Wednesday, 2 October 2013, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB), to consider its proposed organization of work (to be issued as document A/C.2/68/L.1) and to consider the status of documentation for the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly (to be issued as document A/C.2/68/L.1/Add.1).

The Committee will begin its substantive work for the sixty-eighth session of the Assembly on Wednesday, 9 October 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

For information and documentation relating to the work of the Second Committee please *click here*.

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded, *as soon as possible*, to the Secretary of the Second Committee, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org; room S-1275; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/68/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

QuickPlace

For inquiries regarding access to the Second Committee QuickPlace, please contact Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail 2ndcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4882).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 7 October 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB). The list of speakers for the general discussion on each item of the Third Committee will open on Monday, 30 September 2013. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Tanoy (e-mail 3rdcommittee@un.org; room S-1291)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/68/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

For background information on the work of the Third Committee, including the provisional programme of work for the sixty-eighth session, please *click here*.

For inquiries regarding registration for Third Committee QuickPlace, please contact Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail 3rdcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4882).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on draft proposals should be sent to Mr. Jose Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee is scheduled to hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 3 October 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB), to consider items allocated to the Fifth Committee by the General Assembly, issued as document A/C.5/68/1, and the proposed programme of work for the main part of the sixty-eighth session (to be issued). The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly will be issued as document A/C.5/68/L.1.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly requested to submit, *as soon as possible*, the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (c/o Ms. Ana Bürgi (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/68/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the work of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly is available at www.un.org/en/ga/fifth/.

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 7 October 2013, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The provisional programme of work for the sixty-eighth session is available on the website of the Sixth Committee (http://www.un.org/ga/sixth/68/68_session.shtml).

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (e-mail sooksatan@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5378); fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Please note that in the first week, the Committee will deal with item 110 Measures to eliminate international terrorism, item 85 (The rule of law at the national and international levels), and item 84 (Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization).

Delegations are invited to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Patcharee Kosalvitr (e-mail kosalvitr@un.org, room DC2-0569, fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/68/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

In order to obtain the password to access the e-room of the Sixth Committee, delegations are kindly requested to contact Ms. Florian Cabuyao (e-mail cabuyao@un.org).

For the purposes of the establishment of the e-mail contact list of the representatives of the Sixth Committee, you may send an e-mail with the subject "Sixth Committee contact list" to the following e-mail address: 6thcommittee@un.org. Please be advised that the contact list will be made available to all representatives on that list.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law
Forty-eighth session

The forty-eighth session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will hold a closed meeting on Tuesday, 8 October 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

The membership of the Committee is as follows: Argentina, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sudan, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania and United States of America.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
High-level Meeeting

The Peacebuilding Commission will hold its High-level Meeting on Women's economic empowerment for peacebuilding on Thursday, 26 September 2013, from 11:30 to 13:00 in Conference Room 1 (CB). All members of the Peacebuilding Commission configurations are invited to attend. Special event passes will be required to enter Conference Room 1 (CB). Invited members are kindly required to collect their respective passes, allocated according to predetermined arrangements, from 10:00 to 12:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, at the Office of the Secretary of the Peacebuilding Commission (c/o Mr. Martin Vrastiak, room S-3062). For further information on the high-level event, please contact Mr. Paolo Fontana, Peacebuilding Support Office (e-mail fontana@un.org).

Delegations are kindly invited to strictly limit their statements to no more than *three minutes*.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The provisional agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/150. The meetings under this header are closed.

First Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects" (under agenda item 103 of the provisional agenda) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Friday, 4 October 2013 from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room A (CB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Community of Democracies: Tenth meeting of the Governing Council (High-level segment)

Wednesday, 25 September 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) (meeting of National Coordinators)

Wednesday, 25 September 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00 in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) (meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Friday, 27 September 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00 in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir (at the ministerial level)

Wednesday, 25 September 2013, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

OIC Committee on Palestine (at the ministerial level)

Wednesday, 25 September 2013, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

OIC Committee on Mali (at the ministerial level)

Wednesday, 25 September 2013, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

OIC (annual coordination meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs) (at the ministerial level)

Friday, 27 September 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Commonwealth: Twelfth Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs

Thursday, 26 September 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

Group of 77 (Thirty-seventh Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Thursday, 26 September 2013, from 11:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB).

Group of Friends of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) (at the ministerial level)

Thursday, 26 September 2013, from 16:00 to 17:30, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (at the ministerial level)

Friday, 27 September 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

Eastern European Group (at the expert level) (monthly meeting)

Friday, 27 September 2013, at 15:00, in Conference Room 8 (NLB).

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Monday, 30 September 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB).

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (Twelfth Annual Ministerial Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Monday, 30 September 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Monday, 30 September 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Launch of the *Resource Guide on Nuclear Disarmament for Religious Leaders and Communities* (by the President of the Republic of Costa Rica) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica, in collaboration with Religions for Peace)

Wednesday, 25 September 2013, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please contact Ms. María Cerro, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica (e-mail mariaccerro@gmail.com); and Ms. Deepika Singh, Religions for Peace (e-mail dsingh@religionsforpeace.org).]

Special event on "Delivering on the global education promise" (on the occasion of the one-year anniversary of the Secretary-General's Global Education First Initiative (GEFI)) (co-organized by the Global Education First Initiative's Secretariat and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Wednesday, 25 September 2013, from 11:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please contact Ms. Boran Choi, UNESCO (e-mail b.choi@unesco.org).]

High-level panel discussion on "Vienna+20: Human rights achievements, shortcomings and the way forward" (with the President of the Republic of Austria and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Austria and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights) (OHCHR)

Wednesday, 25 September 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nadia Kalb, Permanent Mission of Austria (e-mail nadia.kalb@bmeia.gv.at; tel. 1 (917) 542-8400, ext. 8434); or Mr. Nenad Vasic, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).]

Special event on "Too Young to Wed: Empowering Girls as Leaders of Tomorrow" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada, Ghana and the Netherlands, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), in collaboration with Plan International)

Wednesday, 25 September 2013, from 15:30 to 17:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration, please send an e-mail to nyv-rsvp@minbuza.nl. For further information, please contact Ms. Vera Kuipers, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (e-mail vera.kuipers@minbuza.nl; tel. 1 (212) 519-9711).]

High-level event on "Poaching and Illicit Wildlife Trafficking" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Gabon and Germany)

Thursday, 26 September 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Jan Kantorczyk (e-mail wi-4-1-vn@newy.diplo.de; tel. 1 (212) 940-0448).]

High-level event on "The World Humanitarian Summit: Partnerships in the changing humanitarian landscape" (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

Thursday, 26 September 2013, from 13:15 to 14:15, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[A keynote address will be delivered by the Secretary-General. The briefing is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Margarette Pradel, OCHA (e-mail pradel@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2217).]

Panel discussion on "Sustainable development goals: Nature at the heart of sustainable socio economic development" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of France and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (ICUN))

Thursday, 26 September 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cyriaque Sendashonga, ICUN (e-mail cyriaque.sendashonga@iucn.org; tel. 1 (212) 346-1162).]

Special event on "How can the High-level Meeting contribute to progress in Nuclear Disarmament?" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia, the Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and the Friedrich-Edbert-Stiftung New York Office)

Thursday, 26 September 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room A (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Fikry Cassidy or Mr. Adi Primasto, Permanent Mission of Indonesia (e-mails f_cassidy@y...ail.com or aprimasto@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (212) 972-8333); or *click here.*]

Thematic presentation on "Lessons learned from Hiroshima and Nagasaki: Working towards nuclear-weapons-free regions across the globe" (organized by the Permanent Mission of El Salvador, in collaboration with Peace Boat)

Thursday, 26 September 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Hugo Angulo, Permanent Mission of El Salvador (e-mails haangulo@rree.gob.sv or emilie@peaceboat-us.org; tel. 1 (212) 679-1616).]

Panel discussion on "Enhancing accountability for sexual violence in conflict" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Estonia)

Thursday, 26 September 2013, from 15:00 to 16:30, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Victoria Chisholm, Permanent Mission of Estonia (e-mail victoria.chisholm@mfa.ee; tel. 1 (646) 514-0086).]

High-level panel discussion on "A call to ratify the Kampala amendments on the crime of aggression" (with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Botswana, Estonia, Liechtenstein and Trinidad and Tobago) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein)

Friday, 27 September 2013, from 15:00 to 16:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Jörn Eiermann, Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein (e-mail joern.eiermann@nyc.llv.li; tel. 1 (212) 599-0220, ext. 227).]

Briefing on "Building the resilience and capacity of African countries, regional and sub-regional institutions to pre-empt, and respond to humanitarian crises and disasters" (by the African regional economic communities) (co-organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union, the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

Tuesday, 1 October 2013, from 9:30 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[The Deputy Secretary-General will open the briefing. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Mary Kimani, OSAA (e-mail kimanim@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2838).]

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Non-Violence (organized by the Permanent Mission of India)

Wednesday, 2 October 2013, from 11:15 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions and United Nations staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of India (e-mail eventspminy@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 490-9660, ext. 316).]

High-level discussion on the theme "Resilient Design for Sustainable Urbanization" (on the occasion of World Habitat Day) (organized by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), in collaboration with the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization, the Center for Resilient Design at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, and the American Institute of Architects New York Chapter)

Friday, 4 October 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UN-Habitat New York Office (e-mail habitatny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4200; room DC2-0943); or *click here*.]

Briefing on the release of the International Telecommunication Union's annual report *Measuring the Information Society 2013* (organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU))

Monday, 7 October 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please *click here*; or contact Ms. Sharon London, ITU Liaison Office (e-mail london@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6121).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Ninth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2013/239 of 23 July 2013, the ninth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will be held from Monday, 21, to Friday, 25 October 2013, at the United Nations Office at Geneva. Background materials, including the provisional agenda and organization of work, are available on the Financing for Development Website (*click here*). For further information, please contact the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Michael Lennard (e-mail taxffdoffice@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5734).

Announcements

Press kit for the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is for the first time paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*), or via the PaperSmart portal (*click here*).

Live webcast of the general debate of the General Assembly (24–27 September and 30 September–1 October 2013)

The general debate of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly will be broadcast live (in all United Nations official languages) and on-demand (English and Original language) over the Internet, from *today*, 24 September, to Tuesday, 1 October 2013. It will be accessible through the United Nations Web TV website at http://webtv.un.org.

Delegations are invited to send by e-mail an advance electronic copy of their statements, in one or more of the United Nations official languages, for timely and accurate posting of the text on the General Assembly Website. The statements should be sent to dpigaweb@un.org.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in room DC2-1142, in English (unless otherwise indicated),

on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*); or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

General Assembly documentation (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 26 September 2013;

Thursday, 10 October 2013;

Monday, 14 October 2013 *(French)*; and

Friday, 18 October 2013 *(Spanish)*.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 3 October 2013;

Monday, 7 October 2013 *(French)*; and

Friday, 11 October 2013 *(Spanish)*.

Introduction to subscription databases and resources (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 15 October 2013.

Introduction to United Nations budget documents (from 15:00 to 17:00)

Thursday, 17 October 2013;

Friday, 8 November 2013;

Friday, 22 November 2013; and

Wednesday, 4 December 2013.

Country and map resources for the United Nations community (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 22 October 2013.

United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBISnet) (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 24 October 2013.

Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (Article XIV)

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty will be held on Friday, 27 September 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB).

Credentials (ratifying States only)

Ratifying States are reminded that credentials should be issued for their representatives and the name of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (CTBT-Art.XIV.2013/1). The credentials should be submitted to Mr. Valere Mantels, Conference Secretariat, Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch, Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) (e-mail mantels@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9254; room DN-3132).

Composition of delegations (signatory and other States, intergovernmental organizations)

Signatory and other States, as well as specialized agencies, related organizations and intergovernmental organizations attending the Conference, are requested to send the composition of their delegations to the Conference Secretariat, as soon as possible. To facilitate the preparation of the list of participants, electronic copies of the composition of delegations (Microsoft Word format only) should be sent by email to tan1@un.org.

List of speakers

The provisional list of speakers for the general exchange of views by ratifying States and signatories is open. For inquiries, please contact Mr. Hong Tan, Office for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-7062; room S-3135; fax 1 (917) 367-1767).

Access cards

With reference to paragraph 10 of document CTBT-Art.XIV/2013/INF.1, entitled "Information for participants at the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty", all delegates are reminded that security regulations in force require each and every participant in the Conference be registered and have a valid grounds pass plus a colour-coded access card. Packages including access cards for Member States prepared by the Protocol and Liaison Services are ready for collection at Room S-0201.

Participants wishing to distribute copies of their statements are requested to provide 300 copies of their official statements for distribution in the conference room. The United Nations Secretariat does not provide photocopying services.

Further information on the Conference can be found on the CTBTO Preparatory Commission website (*click here*); or on the ODA website (*click here*).

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) is a unique multi-media resource and key instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law. It consists of a permanent collection of scholarly lectures, historic archives of significant international law instruments and an online legal research library providing extensive international law research materials. Since its launch on 28 October 2008, the Audiovisual Library has been accessed by individuals and institutions in 192 Member States of the United Nations.

As the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is funded by voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is seeking contributions from Member States in order to continue these activities. For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail avl@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5284).

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2014

Applications for the 2014 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Netherlands, from Monday, 30 June, to Friday, 8 August 2014, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 8 November 2013*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme website at www.un.org/law/ilfp; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

2014 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law

Applications for the 2014 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 8 November 2013*.

The Regional Course for Africa is scheduled to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from Monday, 7 April, to Friday, 2 May 2014. This course is open for candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of African States.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 5, to Friday, 30 May 2014. This course is open for candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 3, to Friday, 28 November 2014. This course is open for candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also Members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States (and from Kiribati).

The three Regional Courses will be conducted in English in 2014. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division (e-mails: rcil-africa@un.org (for the RCIL-Africa); rcil-laac@un.org (for the RCIL-LAAC); rcil-asia@un.org (for the RCIL-Asia-Pacific)).

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 23 September 2013

General Assembly

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3rd plenary meeting — *Social development: Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development*

Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities: draft resolution (A/68/L.1) [item 27 (b)]

The President declared open the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities.

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

In accordance with resolution 66/124, statements were made by Ms. María Soledad Cisternas Reyes, Chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; Mr. Yannis Vardakastanis, President of the European Disability Forum; and Mr. Stevie Wonder, Grammy Award winning songwriter and musician and United Nations Messenger for Peace.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/68/L.1 (resolution 68/3).

4th plenary meeting

Social development: Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities [item 27(b)]

The General Assembly continued its High-level meeting on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities.

Statements were made by His Excellency Arsenio Balisacan, Secretary of Socioeconomic Planning of the Philippines and Co-Chair of round table 1; and Her Excellency Heidi Hautala, Minister of International Development of Finland and Co-Chair of round table 2.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

The President declared concluded the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 27.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Objection to the reservation made by the Lao People's Democratic Republic upon ratification: Austria (23 September 2013)

Objection to the reservation made by the Lao People's Democratic Republic upon ratification: Greece (23 September 2013)

Objection to the reservation made by the Lao People's Democratic Republic upon ratification: Sweden (23 September 2013)

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Accession to Amendments to Annexes A, B and C of the Convention: Guatemala (23 September 2013)

2013 Treaty Event

The 2013 Treaty Event will be held from 24 to 26 and 30 September to 1 October 2013, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, coinciding with the opening of the general debate of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

Further information concerning the 2013 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection website (http://treaties.un.org) and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail hamdyd@un.org or schaus@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Minamata Convention on Mercury

Opening for signature

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Convention is scheduled to be adopted on Thursday, 10 October 2013, at Kumamoto (Japan) on the occasion of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Minamata Convention on Mercury to be held from 7 to 11 October 2013.

Accordingly, pursuant to its article 29, the Minamata Convention on Mercury would be opened for signature by States and regional economic integration organizations at Kumamoto, Japan, on 10 and 11 October 2013, and thereafter at the United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 October 2014.

Certified True Copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Convention must be in possession of appropriate full powers issued by one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States and regional economic integration organizations wishing to sign the Convention on 10 and 11 October could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York (Fax No. (212) 963-3693). Originals of full powers shall be submitted at the signing ceremony in the course of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries.

States and regional economic integration organizations wishing to sign the Convention thereafter are invited to do so at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The required full powers should in this case be submitted to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs.

For more information on full powers, please *click here* to refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection website.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2013* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Eritrea
His Excellency Araya Desta

Asia-Pacific States:
China
His Excellency Liu Jieyi

Eastern European States:
Russian Federation
His Excellency Vitaly Churkin

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Argentina
Her Excellency María Cristina Perceval

Western European and other States:
Italy
His Excellency Cesare Maria Ragaglini

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Kindly take note that the English and French versions of the *Journal* are accessible to blind and visually impaired users via screen readers.

Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp.

All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (room S-2472; tel. 1 (212) 963-5258; fax 1 (917) 367-0406).

Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc/.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room S-0220).

Emergency information and updates

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feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device.

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Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to dgacm-feedback@un.org.

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The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the North Lawn Building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal of the United Nations*, the Delegates' Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps. These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to dgacm-feedback@un.org.

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/

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Department of Economic and Social Affairs
www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html

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United Nations Webcast
www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/index.html

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http://unyearbook.un.org

UN Chronicle
www.un.org/chronicle

Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Monday, 23 September 2013

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	Sixty-eighth session
	Fifth Committee
A/C.5/68/1	Allocation of agenda items to the Fifth Committee — Letter dated 20 September 2013 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*

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